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History

HIS2B

Unit 2B The Church in England: The Struggle for Supremacy, 1529–1547

Wednesday 20 May 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is HIS2B.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A Henry VIII had always believed that his throne was insecure. The problems in his last years did not arise over religion but over personal rivalries and jealousies among the courtiers. However, Henry retained control to the very end. In his last months he concentrated on one thing only – the safe and peaceful succession of his son who was a minor. Determined to prevent trouble after his death, he had to decide between those parties and factions which for so long he had kept in strict control. 5

Adapted from G R Elton, *England Under the Tudors*, 1991

Source B The Earl of Surrey's execution in 1547 saw the triumph of the reformist faction over the conservatives. Yet the real threat posed by Norfolk and Surrey was not the threat to the reformist faction. The more alarming threat was to the dynasty itself. Whilst Henry was well, he was able to use fear to control the factions. Indeed, Henry had proved himself more than able to manage their scheming, using it to further his own purposes. However, once it was clear that the King was dying, his authority began to decline and all hopes became focused on the reign to come. 5

Adapted from Lucy Wooding, *Henry VIII*, 2009

Source C In the last years of Henry VIII's reign, foreign policy became complicated by religious changes. England feared attack from either France or Spain in the interests of the Papacy. Henry found his council divided in the final years, between the conservative, Catholic Howard element and the reformist interest surrounding Thomas Cranmer. Henry worked for a compromise, saving Cranmer from charges of heresy on three occasions between 1543 and 1545. At the same time, Henry stuck to orthodox catholic teaching, except on the Papacy, and this was set down in the King's Book. Henry wished to act carefully and preserve religious unity throughout the realm. 5

Adapted from John McTurk, *The Tudor Monarchies, 1485-1603*, 1999

0 1 Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to Henry VIII in his last years.

[12 marks]

and

0 2 Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far was religion the most serious issue facing Henry VIII in the years 1541 to 1547?

[24 marks]

Either

Question 2

0 3 Explain why Henry VIII was unable to get his marriage to Catherine of Aragon annulled.
[12 marks]

and

0 4 'The need to obtain an annulment was the most important reason for the Break with Rome.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.
[24 marks]

or

Question 3

0 5 Explain why monasteries were dissolved in the years 1536 to 1540.
[12 marks]

and

0 6 'The dissolution of the monasteries was the most important cause of the Pilgrimage of Grace.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.
[24 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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Question 1 Source B: Lucy Wooding, *Henry VIII*, Routledge, 2009

Question 1 Source C: *The Tudor Monarchies, 1485 - 1603*, Cambridge University Press, 1999

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